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Translated from the German Report 4/4

Dated: 7 April 1943

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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1943. Eighty-three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

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It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports beginning with the most recent and moving backward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

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7 April 1943

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 4/4

(Based on domestic radio traffic)

I. Total Survey

1.) Personnel Situation

(1) First of all, the rural population is apparently being drawn into the work program in the Soviet Russian economy and transportation.

(2) Technical personnel who have been temporarily deferred from the draft are now being called into the Red Army.

(3) In the first quarter of 1943 an additional 1040 persons, who were not employed up to now apparently because of their age, were drawn into the work program in Georgia.

(4) The Oil Directorate in Georgia has 4,772 workers available for the time being. Half of the personnel consist of women and children, including 380 children under 12 years of age.

2.) Food

(5) The troops of the Transcaucasian Front are being supplied with feed grain by the Grain Procurement Organization in Tiflis.

(6) In 1943 in the wine growing areas of the Transcaucasus, agricultural products are apparently to be cultivated to a greater extent and cattle-breeding is to be increased.

(7) The supplies of flour and bread grain in Tiflis amounted to 7,240 tons on 25 March.

(8) The Soviet economies in Kazakhstan fulfilled about 80 per cent of the plan for sowing preparations. Also, the repair of agricultural machines should have been carried out to a greater degree.

3.) Transport

(9) According to one estimate there are in the Armenian Soviet Republic 1671 motor vehicles including 1297 motor lorries and 374 private cars.

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(10) A new railway-ferry service over the Volga is to be opened in Stalingrad. It is believed that 130 to 150 railroad cars can be sent over each day. The railroad tariff for luggage was increased 70 per cent.

Civil Air Fleet

(11) The Fifteenth Flight Group with a probable location of Tashkent was mentioned for the first time on 4 April.

II. Individual Items

1.) Personnel Situation

(12) The rural population was drafted into the work program in the Soviet economy and transportation as follows:

For the Steamship Agency in Kujbyshev	100 persons from Kujbyshev Oblast'
	290 persons from Saratov Oblast'
For the Steamship Agency in Uralsk	120 persons from Kazakhstan Republic
For the Steamship Agency in Ufa	210 persons from the Bashkir Oblast'
For the Steamship Agency in Ust Usa	451 persons from the Komi ASSR
For the Steamship Agency in Novosibirsk	150 persons from Altai Oblast'
For the Baikal-Zelenga Steamship Agency	80 persons from Irkutsk Oblast'
At the Water Transport Base, Irkutsk	75 persons from Irkutsk Oblast'
At the Water Transport Base, Ust Usa	100 persons from Komi ASSR
At the Water Transport Base, Uralsk	70 persons from Kazakhstan Republic
For the Steamship Agency in Irkutsk	100 persons from Irkutsk Oblast'
At the Munitions Plant #316 in Tiflis	50 persons (?)

(13) Tractor drivers from Uralsk Oblast' who were not drafted by the armed forces up to the present time are being called into the Red Army as of 1 April.

(14) Likewise, ships' helpers from Semipalatinsk who were draft exempt up to the present time are also being drawn into the army.

(15) In the first quarter in Georgia 1040 persons from the population capable of working who were not conscripted as of now were called up for work in various branches of the People's Economy.

(16) The Georgian Oil Directorate has at its disposal 4,772 workers as follows:

2,092 workers  
2,181 members of workers' families (including 130 children up to 12 years of age)  
500 family members of those called up (including 250 children)

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2.) Food

Transcaucasus

(17) In March the People's Commissariat for Grain Procurement delivered 3,734 tons of feed grain to the troops of the Transcaucasian front.

(18) In 1943 the vineyards scheduled for sowing 22 hectares of field vegetables, 55 hectares of vegetable plants, and 2 hectares of beets for fodder. In addition, each farm must be able to show 13 cows and 15 sows by the end of 1943.

(19) On 25 March Tiflis reported a grain supply of 7,240 tons which was distributed as follows:

	<u>Flour</u>	<u>Groats</u>	<u>Rye</u>	<u>Wheat</u>
Grain Procurement	411 tons	84 tons	267 tons	891 tons
Mill Combine	2,388 tons	165 tons	---	2,544
Trade & Bakeries	481 tons	3 tons	---	6

(20) In Kazakhstan preparations for land cultivation were completed as follows:

Sovkhoz Urinskaya	70.3%
Zeledovskaya	87.9
Priuralskij	92.9
Sopkalinskaya	69.0
Zabetinskaya	109.0
Furmanskaya	101.8
Konoeva	81.7
Kamenskij	58.2
Zajbatskij	103.9

(21) The prescribed fertilizing was fulfilled as follows:

Sovkhoz Furmanovskij	101.0%
Tegerlanskij	3.0
Zabetinskij	25.8
Gsonlevskij	53.0
Priuralnyj	21.0
Chepaevskij	90.7

(22) Repairs of tractors were carried out as follows:

Sovkhoz Urlinskij	96.1%
Teshinskij	94.9
Algobatskij	79.3
Bezorbet	74.5
Zelenovskij	100.0
Kegonskij	79.3
Vladekinskij	70.0
Karaze	79.4
Toropeshin	71.5
Zarubezhskaya	104.5

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Zajzodskaya	66.7
Vosodykhskij	81.0
Chuvashinskij	84.8
Rubeshenskij	84.5
Yanvar	86.2
Budenovskij	109.2
Zhudgajskij	96.0
Chugilskij	72.?

3.) Transport

(23) On 20 March the Armenian Soviet Republic reported the following number of motor vehicles on hand:

Motor lorries--1297, including 124 ready for use, 927 capable of repair, 146 in poor condition.

Private cars--374, including 73 ready for use, 298 capable of repair, 3 in poor condition.

(24) In the District of Traktornyj (19 kilometers northeast of Stalingrad) railway-ferry service is to be set up over the Volga. The ferry is to transport 130 to 150 railroad cars a day.

(25) According to a message, the tariff for travel luggage was increased 70 per cent. Only express goods are exempt from this ruling.

Civil Air Fleet

(26) In messages from 1 to 4 April, the following was noted:

Fifteenth Flight Group, location presumably Tashkent  
Aviation Repair Base 057 in Novosibirsk  
Aviation Repair Base 022, presumably in Tashkent